

REMARKS

Amendments to the Specification

In reviewing the corresponding international application on which the concurrently filed U.S. national stage application is based, Applicants noticed an inadvertent transposition of several sentences from two consecutive paragraphs of the text. Applicants preliminarily amend the specification as described above to correct this inadvertent transposition of sentences.

In particular, the sentences on page 14, lines 14-21 (of the PCT publication) regarding the terms "vegetative state" and "persistent vegetative state" belong at the *end* of the paragraph that describes these terms on page 15, lines 10-18 of the specification as shown in the above replacement paragraph.

Also, the sentences on page 14, lines 22-26 (of the PCT publication) regarding the term "minimally conscious state" belong at the *beginning* of the paragraph that describes this term at page 15, lines 19 - page 16, line 3 of the specification as shown in the above replacement paragraph.

No change in the definition of the terms is made or intended by the proposed amendments to the specification, and the amendments add no new matter.

Amendments to the Claims

Applicants have also preliminarily amended the claims to correct an apparent inadvertent typographical error resulting in an improper claim dependency and to eliminate claims that are not permitted in practice before the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.

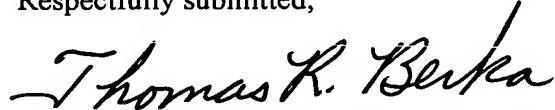
In particular, Applicants have amended Claim 68 to depend from "Claim 67" instead of "Claim 64". Claim 68 covers a method in which the term "said additional dopaminergic agent" may be any of the recited members of a Markush-style group. Antecedent basis for the term "said additional dopaminergic agent" is only provided by Claim 67, which specifically introduces the term ("an additional dopaminergic agent"), and not Claim 64, which does not recite or depend from any other claim that recites the term. Thus, the amendment adds no new matter, but corrects a typographical error to properly adjust the dependency of Claim 68.

Applicants have also canceled Claims 85-88, which are Swiss-style "use" claims that appeared in the corresponding international application on which the concurrently filed U.S.

national stage application is based. Accordingly, the cancellation of Claims 85-88 adds no new matter but conforms the claims to practice before the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.

The foregoing amendments to the specification and the claims are clerical in nature and add new matter. Accordingly, entry of the amendments prior to calculation of fees and examination on the merits of the application as amended herein are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas R. Berka, Ph.D., Reg. No. 39,606
Leon R. Yankwich, Reg. No. 30,237
Attorneys for Applicants
Yankwich & Associates, P.C.
201 Broadway
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139
telephone: 617-374-3700
facsimile: 617-374-0055

CERTIFICATE OF "EXPRESS MAIL"

The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence and accompanying documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Service under 37 CFR §1.10, postage prepaid in an envelope addressed to the Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

Express Mailing No. EV 509622403 US

September 15, 2005

Date



Nasim G. Memon